

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 remain pending. Claims 1 and 2 are currently amended, and claim 3 is canceled. No claims are added.

Claims 1-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Farnsworth (U.S. Patent No. 5,067,055). Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection should be withdrawn.

Applicant's lamp device differs from that of Farnsworth in certain respects. For example, applicant's turn signal lamp 10, which is received in a side panel 24 of a vehicle body, has its illumination lamp 16 oriented in one direction and its flasher 20 oriented in the opposite direction. (Note applicant's Fig. 2.) In contrast, Farnsworth only discloses one lamp, globe 16, in a vehicle body side panel.

Although it would be improper to interpret Farnsworth as disclosing that globe 18 is also received in a vehicle *side* panel, even if such interpretation were proper, globe 16 and globe 18 are never oriented in opposite directions. (Fig. 2B seems to suggest that the orientations of globes 16 and 18 are never more than approximately 135 degrees apart. There would be no motivation to orient the two globe 180 degrees apart, because much of the direct rays from globe 16 would be blocked by the body of the vehicle.)

Also, as shown in applicant's Fig. 2, drive motor 28 pivots both illumination lamp 16 *and* flasher 20 of turn signal lamp 10. (The relative orientation of illumination lamp 16 and flasher 20 does not change.) In contrast, Farnsworth discloses that globe 18 remains stationary while globe 16 pivots. That is, Farnsworth does not disclose a drive member for pivoting a lamp member that has both an illumination lamp and a flasher.

As shown above, the claims are amended in a fashion to emphasize distinctions between applicant's lamp device and that of Farnsworth. Accordingly, withdrawal of the anticipation rejection is now requested.

In a separate matter, applicant amends the specification to address informalities.

In view of the remarks above, applicant now submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowability is hereby requested. If for any reason it is believed that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is welcome to contact applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to discuss resolution of the remaining issues.

If this paper is not timely filed, applicant petitions for an extension of time. The fee for the extension, and any other fees that may be due, may be debited from Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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